PATENT APPLICATION

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Mark Henry SHIPTON et al.

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Examiner:

R. KOEHLER

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For:

METHOD OF FORMING A DIFFUSION BARRIER ON A METALLIC SUBSTRATE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the August 16, 2005 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.